

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 171 - HB 165

February 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts dental hygienists from needing to pass an evaluation by a dentist prior to applying sealants, topical fluoride, and dental prophylaxis to individuals' teeth provided the application takes place under the direction of a public health department and under a protocol established by the Department of Health or a metropolitan health department.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, rural regional dentists spend approximately 600 combined days completing exams for hygienists in the School Based Dental Prevention Program.
- To decrease these exams will allow local health departments to reallocate and redistribute resources for other dental duties. It is assumed metropolitan health departments could expect a similar redistribution of resources.
- The net fiscal impact to the Department will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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